

Bill No.: HB0140 **Effective:** Multiple Dates

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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0068

Chapter No.: 137

Prime Sponsor: Northrup

Catch Title: School finance amendments-4.

Subject: Amendments to the school finance system

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act would make assorted amendments to provisions relating to school finance.
- This act would require the funding model's average daily membership (ADM) decision to be based at the district level, not the school level, using the greater of the three year ADM average or prior year ADM for all schools. Resulting funding reductions are phased-in over three years, by providing back two-thirds (2/3) of the reduction in FY 2019 and one-third of the reduction in FY 2020
- This act requires school districts to participate in Department of Workforce Services programs that reduce school district worker's compensation premiums. The act also provides that the worker's compensation extra-hazardous employment designation only applies to special education assistants, teachers, and related service providers when the employee is working directly with special education students.
- This act prohibits school districts from entering into a new lease for a school bus, though school districts would receive 100% reimbursement for a school bus purchase in the year following the purchase, rather than 20% reimbursement per year for five years, as provided under current law. Additionally, school districts could purchase a bus if the state or federal government would partially or fully fund the purchase under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act or other similar program.
- This act limits statewide special education funding for reimbursements in the school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to the special education reimbursements made in the 2018-2019 school year. The act appropriates two million dollars over this limit for out of district special education placement costs incurred by school districts and provides rulemaking authority to the Wyoming Department of Education to establish rules for distributions of these funds.

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- This act provides school districts shall be resourced for groundskeeper positions for district-level sites in an amount equal to ten percent of the school-level sites. Resulting funding reductions are phased-in over three years, by providing back two-thirds of the reduction in FY 2019 and one-third of the reduction in FY 2020
- This act repeals within the education resource block grant funding model funding for interim and formative assessments.
- This act requires the Wyoming Department of Education to review statutes and rules relating to special education and transportation and recommend changes to increase fiscal efficiencies. The act also requires the Wyoming Department of Education to establish special education staffing guidelines by January 1, 2019.
- This act provides that for school year 2018-2019 and each school year thereafter until the next recalibration, no school district with fewer than 243 students shall receive less than 97.5% of its foundation program amount from the previous year, not including expenses reimbursed pursuant to law.

Comments:

- This act amends a major program.
- This act requires a report.
- The portion of this act requiring the Wyoming Department of Education to review student transportation and special education efficiencies and promulgate special education staffing guidelines is effective immediately. The remainder of this act is effective July 1, 2018.

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